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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE ELECTORS

The undersigned, registered and qualified electors of the State of California, hereby propose a law to be enacted by the people of the State of California, as follows:

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of the State of California by adding a new section thereto, providing for an alcoholic rehabilitation fund and a fund for the erection of the necessary institutions for the care and treatment of inebriates under the direction of the State Department of Institutions.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY (or City and County) } ss.
of.....

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

We, the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the State of California, residents of the County (or City and County) of

.....,
present to the Secretary of State this petition and hereby propose and request that an initiative measure be submitted to the electors of the State of California, for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election, or at any special election called by the Governor prior to such general election.

The Attorney General has entitled and summarized the chief purpose and points of said proposed measure as follows:

ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION FUND. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Requires 5% of alcoholic beverage excise taxes be deposited in a fund for use by State Department of Institutions for care and treatment of inebriates and to compensate counties or cities and counties for care and treatment of inebriates. Declares that during 1939 and 1940 an additional 15% of such excise taxes shall be deposited in said fund for purchase of sites and construction of institutions for care and treatment of inebriates. Permits legislative appropriations of unexpended balance in fund for support of indigent families of inebriates.

The proposed measure is here set forth in full as follows:

Section 1. Section 28 is hereby added to article XX of the Constitution, to read as follows:

Sec. 28. Out of the revenues received by the State from excise taxes now or hereafter imposed upon alcoholic beverages there shall be deposited annually in the "Alcoholic Rehabilitation Fund" in the State Treasury, which fund is hereby created, a sum of money equal to five per cent of such revenues. The money so deposited or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated to the State Department of Institutions for the care and treatment of inebriates committed to its custody as now or hereafter provided by law, and for the maintenance and operation of institutions for that purpose.

The department may provide for the care, treatment and custody of any such inebriate by any county, or city and county hospital which is, in the opinion of the department, adequately equipped to care for and treat such cases. The department shall

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